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EDITORIAL ITEMS.

Almost one hundred conversions are reported this week. Such results in the Master's harvest should embolden all to rise up, even though there may be local trouble, and spurn the attempts of the adversary to destroy good work, and go forward in the holy warfare.

Bro. W. J. H. Bauman has arranged to go to South Haven, Kansas, to remain a year.

A "sister and friend of the Cause," in Illinois, sends \$1.75 for the Mission cause.

Sir: I notice in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST of Jan. 26th, that the Brethren church is only five years old. Please inform me who was the founder of the church and oblige.

H. E. MORRELL.

Allen, Pa., Feb. 15th, 1887.

Jesus Christ was the founder of the Brethren church. As societies or bodies of believers, churches are organized here, there, and at different places and at different times. The brethren at Jerusalem were organized into a church in A. D. 30, while the brethren at Milan, were not organized into a church until two or three hundred years afterward, and they were both founded by Jesus Christ.

The Dayton city brethren are watching for a good brother to hold a protracted meeting.

They are having great success at the Milford, Ind. meetings. A late letter informs us of several more accessions in addition to the number reported by our correspondent.

That was a glorious meeting held at Bunker Hill. Bro. L. Sherick sends us a report also, but as Bro. Swihart's was in type, his is not published for obvious reasons. Bro. John Fox is the home minister in that congregation. It was another of the great spiritual awakenings that are taking place in the work of Brethren ministers.

A man must have a clean charitable heart to think well of the world.

Some men flatter themselves that they are getting better, when in reality they have only abstained from one evil for the love of another.

The church in which the brethren at North Star, Ohio, worship, is about to be sold or removed, and they are making an effort to purchase it. We hope they will succeed, and that the house may become a dearer tabernacle to Bro. Pearson than ever.

The College Society will hold its regular public meeting Friday, Feb. 25th, inst. A good programme is promised. All are cordially invited.

Bro. H. M. Lichty, of Carleton, Neb., writes:

We have about 15 or 20 members here, partially organized. We have a very flourishing S. S. here and meet once a week for prayer and Bible study. We have rented the Presbyterian church for one year for our S. S. We need a minister.

Bro. S. H. Bashor contemplates taking a trip to Nebraska and Dakota, to do a little work in the revival field.

Rev. Swihart, of Frankfort, Ind., has been conducting a revival meeting at the progressive church east of town for the past two weeks with marked success. He visited his home the first of this week but will return and continue the meeting the latter part of the week.—Bunker Hill Press.

Bro. J. H. Worst returned from his visit to Wayne county last Saturday, and in the evening, gave a lecture on Dakota, at the College. His lecture was excellent, instructive and entertaining. At the close, he made a plea on behalf of the admission of the Territory as a state, that was grandly eloquent. If brethren prevail upon him to give a lecture, where he stops, they will not miss a treat. The only uneven thing about it was the collection was too little to compare with the address. On Lord's day morning he preached us an excellent sermon on the scripture, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." His general premise was that men here and hereafter, will in a measure, live in and partake of their own creation:

that what a man sows he shall reap. In the evening he preached on, "Give us this day our daily bread," emphasizing the truth that true prayer is evidence of a willingness to do all the work within our power to accomplish the result desired. We enjoyed his sermons and visit. From here he went to Glenford, Ohio, where he will remain a week. Next winter he expects to return to the States and spend the winter in the Lord's work. About that time he will have earned a title to his farm in Dakota, and will feel more free. He expects to return to his home about April 1st.

The Salvation Army is certainly a very faithful band of religious workers. A captain was sent to Ashland last fall and they have not ceased to preach and pray, and the corps seem to have as good a hold upon the people as ever. Their barracks are crowded every night and new recruits are constantly being added. We give them credit for the good they are doing, but think they should go a little further. We admire their persistency and regard them worthy of imitation in this respect.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

Hudson, Iowa.

Our church matters are gliding along smoothly, all in pleasant harmony.

Bro. S. H. Bashor preaches two sermons every Sunday. He keeps things in pretty good trim.

Bro. Mallott was with us about three months and preached for us. He is capable of doing the work of an evangelist. No one need be ashamed of his work; he has left many warm friends in Iowa, especially at Enon and Hudson and Dallas Center. Many good wishes followed him when he left us. We hope he will not forget his friends in Blackhawk and Dallas Co. We hope he will try to renew his visit at some future time. May he live long and prosper in this world and then enter the fair climes of eternal bliss, where parting will be no more.

SAMUEL CAIN.

Feb. 12, 1887.

Falls City Items.

In the last report of these Items, the compositor made the reporter speak of Elder Nicholson's order instead of ardor.

There is no question but that our veteran evangelist is an orderly man but it would no doubt puzzle the readers of the EVANGELIST to know how his order was kept at a bright temperature, etc.

We have had about all the various stages of a whole year's Nebraska weather crowded within the narrow limits of the last few weeks; but notwithstanding the rain, snow, mud, fog, blue sky and blizzard, the meetings have continued and souls have continued to come to Christ.

Up to this date (Feb. 18th), eight have been baptized, and there are nineteen applicants for baptism and one is uniting by relation and two reclaimed. The indications are that there are more to follow.

The baptizing was done at Bro. Jos. Meyer's house. Bro. Meyer's own son and two daughters were among the number baptized, and his large house and his large heart were alike open for the memorable occasion, which was indeed one of great interest and joy in the Holy Spirit.

On the tenth, when the N. E. Committee met Elds. Bauman and Warner and brother Jacob Lichty from across the border, viz. Pony Creek church Kan., came to us, and partly because the roads were too bad and part-

ly because they loved the place they remained a few days giving us aid and comfort.

It is not yet decided when the meeting here will close, and there is some talk of concluding with a love feast which would be an appropriate and happy consummation of our glorious and successful meeting.

E. L. Y.

Smicksburg, Pa.

Jan. 30.—Elder J. B. Wampler and the writer commenced a protracted meeting at the Brush Valley meeting house. We had good attendance considering the bad roads and inclement weather. On Sabbath, Feb. 6th, five persons were buried with Christ in baptism. At the close of this God-given ordinance, we learned the people who call themselves the Church of God, had arrived at the same place to administer their baptism to five applicants. Of course we remained as spectators. Eld. Wampler loaned his coat to their minister. One good act deserves another; we were made to think of Philadelphia.

After service on the evening of the 16th, I left for home. I was sorry to leave but could do no better. The interest was good, 5 baptized and 4 applicants. Hope to hear of further results from Bro. J. B.

To the brethren of Brush Valley I will say, I would have come back to your assistance but circumstances were such that it was impossible for me to do so. I will come some time again if the Lord will it. Thanking you for kindness, I hope the Lord will bless and save you all.

E. H. SMITH.

Berlin, Pa.

Feb. 11.—Our protracted meeting is among the things of the past, and it was a grand success. Thirteen precious souls added to the church by baptism, and a number more counting the cost, who we hope may soon come. We closed with a love feast which was greatly enjoyed by all who participated. We feel good over the success of the meeting, and Bro. Replogle maintained his reputation as a zealous, untiring and successful evangelist; hope he may have many evangelistic calls. We feel like returning our thanks to Bro. Joseph Blough, of Lanark, Ill., for his support in this meeting, by prayer and song.

Since the close of the meeting we enjoyed for several days the company of our dear brother, Elder J. H. Burnworth, of Brown Co., Kansas, who is visiting his old Pennsylvania friends; sorry he did not reach us in time to help in our meeting.

Asking the prayers of the church at large in behalf of the Berlin congregation and the pastor, I am yours in hope.

J. H. KNEPPER.

Things In General Some Things In Particular.

Good News From Phil'd.—The cause is still moving on in the Quaker city. Several have come to our help since my return. There was principle in this work, not personalities, and there is and will be principle—the principle of salvation. I also learn the church of God had a grand meeting. They gave me the pulpit and allowed us to use the pool, and this in the midst of a revival, and a blessing followed.

Pastor Cowan is known to some of our brethren in the West, and in Pa.

The Sunday School Work.—Bro. E. E. Roberts is Sup't of the Sunday School. He takes great delight in the good cause and is working for a glorious harvest. Indeed reaping time has commenced. Some who put on Christ in baptism came from the S. S. How any church members can oppose this work is more than I can understand. May this work go on to perfection.

A Change of Working Places.—I have consented to take charge of the Phil'd church. The hand of Providence seems in the work, and when the whole history of this work comes to light you will say so too, that history will not be unfolded here by me, but the truth will out sometime and I can afford to wait. I leave here with feelings of love and friendship for all and pray the blessing of God to rest on the church.

"Here and There."—Thanks Bro. Bashor for your kind words in the E. They are appreciated. I reach from Md. to Iowa and shake hands with you. One thing I have mused over often and it is this: I had to fight my way into the Brethren church, and I had to fight to preach her principles. This, however, has not been general but particular. I know where the trouble was in the majority of cases. Your illustrations rather amused me, sad commentaries though on the wrong position of some men. They brought out the point most vivid. I hope to meet you at the convention.

Thanks Sister Cober.—For your notice of the Hand Book. We have evidences of the fact that it is doing good. It is also an evidence that we desire to make church members better Christians, and there is much room for this work. When in Ashland a few years ago, I saw before me a smooth faced, good-looking young man, I did not think of having help from his wife. May you make one of the best of preacher's wives.

The Tract Work.—We felt called to this work some months ago. We organized April 1st, 1886. We have scattered nearly four hundred thousand pages of tracts and books, many of them—thousands of pages have gone out free. Had we the money we could have done a better work. We send out as our latest tract, "What is said about creeds." Our pamphlet on, "Why Baptize Face-Forward?" will be sent to every member of the society, but will be used in my own work. However, any one can have a copy who wishes. While I am a face-forward immersionist, I can also call a man brother who has been immersed backward as per the commission. Can you reconcile this position? I can and very easy.

To Whom it may Concern.—We have had calls for a good work men could canvass for, but could not find just what we were willing to back up. But we have found the book in "Marvelous Wonders of the Whole World." The book is good looking on the outside and attractive within. If I had not other work to do I could take this book and next year make \$2000. If men and women want to handle a "seller" this is the book. The society have made special arrangements

and will offer extra terms to our own members. Outfit is 90 cents. The money will be refunded when 10 books are sold. Write for particulars, not to me but to the society.

This letter is growing longer than I intended. The report of my home field may occupy another.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.

Johnstown, Pa.

Feb. 18th.—I have been assisting in a meeting at Rosedale during four days of this week, and not having any special call to fill, I have arranged for a little missionary tour to Bedford Co., within the limits of the Dunning's Creek congregation, as presided over by elder John S. Holsinger, of the G. B. church. I will use the house of the Evangelical Association, known as the Albrights, for an indefinite length of time. Alumn Bank, Bedford Co., Pa., will be my address while there, and as we have no members there to whom to appeal, I appeal to the brotherhood for prayers for success in the project.

R. Z. REPROGLE.

Milford, Ind.

The blessings of a kind providence still continues to be showered upon our church. In our last communication we stated that brother Ridenour had left us and brother Cober would continue the meetings. Brother C. is gentlemanly in deportment and his Christian zeal and devotion have won for him a warm place in the hearts of our people, and if the outward adornments of a Christian character are a true index to his heart, brother Cober combines all the elements of a true Christian. His earnest appeals in behalf of sinners, his graphic pictures of the love of God for them, has turned the thoughts of many to their sad condition and awakened feeling of anxiety that is resulting in much good as he has clasped the hand of fellowship with seven anxious souls in the few days that he has been with us. This made twenty since brother Ridenour commenced the meeting. O what rejoicing there must be in heaven! But while others are taking upon themselves the armor of Christ, it does not become us to sit supinely by with our arms folded. The duties of Christianity clame our first and chiefest attention. These sacred truths should sanctify, pervade and influence all our thoughts and actions, ennoble all our pursuits. Then how diligent should we be in the cultivation of every moral and sound virtue, while these qualities control our daily walk and influence our actions? The church will ever be revered as cultivated by the just and the good and its benign influence will soon remove the prejudice that ignorance and selfishness may have brought to bear against it.

G. HORTON.

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